

regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1065, amended, White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009; H.R. 3254, amended, Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act; and H.R. 3342, amended, Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act.

CREDIT RATING AGENCIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Credit Rating Agencies and the Next Financial Crisis.” Testimony was heard from former Senator Alfonse M. D’Amato of New York, former Chairman, Senate Committee on Banking; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 3183 ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The Committee on Rules: granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3183 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion of recommit if applicable.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3650, Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2009; H.R. 3585, Solar Technology Roadmap Act; and H.R. 3598, Energy and Water Research Integration Act.

EXPIRING SMALL BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Expiring Tax Incentives: Examining Their Importance for Small Businesses on the Road to an Economic Recovery.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COAST GUARD’S SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on A Review of the Coast Guard’s Search and Rescue Mission. Testimony was

heard from RADM Sally Brice-O’Hara, Deputy Commandant, Operations, U.S. Coast Guard.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on This is NOT a Test: Will the Nation’s Emergency Alert System Deliver the President’s Message to the Public? Testimony was heard from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Damon C. Penn, Assistant Administrator, National Continuity Programs, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Richard Muth, Executive Director, Emergency Management Agency, State Emergency Operations Center, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

VA ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing on Energy Efficiency at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Kevin Kampschroer, Acting Director, Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, GSA; Richard G. Kidd, IV, Program Manager, Federal Energy Management Program, Department of Energy; James M. Sullivan, Director, Office of Asset Enterprise Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.